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From the Pastor...

Dear Friends,

I want to mention two things in today's Newsletter. First, a major "thank you" to everyone involved in our Pentecost celebration to bring us music, decorations, food, logistics and so much more. As you know, this was my first time to experience an authentic Woodland-Paw Creek Pentecost, and it far exceeded what I was hoping for. Cheers to everyone! Plus, with our special guests, our partnership is now visible to the Presbytery, Synod and General Assembly as well, and we are in a position to really be leaders for all Presbyterians on how to follow the Spirit's leading.

Now, on a more mundane but still very important note, you will find the official notice in this newsletter that the Session has called a Congregational Meeting for **Sunday, June 10** after worship. The purpose of this meeting will be to discuss and act upon a revision (a major revision) of our church's Manual of Operations. The current Manual directs the session each year to review the Manual and determine if any changes are needed to keep it up to date. In January Session appointed a task force of three elders - Beth Joy, Amy McGee and Melissa Mullis - to take on this task. That group called in Debbie Taylor and Peggy Harrington from the congregation to help as well. Their recommendations were approved by the Session, and copies will be available during the next two Sundays (or from the Church Office) for you to take and carefully examine prior to the meeting.

As the task force began to meet in the early spring, we all agreed that the time had come to rethink the format of our Manual, which had become over-heavy with much detailed information that needs to be remembered but doesn't need to be set in stone. In particular, the descriptions of each committee had become the place for detailed descriptions of every project the committee had ever done. Our committees need that information for reference, but they also need the freedom to act in new and creative ways without having to amend the Manual of Operations every time!

As you begin to review the draft Manual, you will notice immediately that it is much shorter than before. The document is divided into three parts: Part I is the Manual of Operations for the Congregation; Part II is the By-laws for the legal corporation that owns our property. These two parts were endorsed by the Session and they will be up for a vote of the congregation on June 10. Any changes to these parts down the road will come back to the congregation for further voting. Part III is the Manual of Operations for the Session, which describes our committees and their work. The Session also voted to adopt this section (certain portions that need congregational approval will not go into effect until after the Congregational vote). Future changes to Part III can be made by the Session as needed, and will be communicated to the Congregation as they occur.

I hope you will have time to read the entire Manual before the meeting, but there are some highlights of changes you will find on page 3 of this newsletter.

We will have plenty of time for questions and discussion at the meeting on June 10, but in the meantime, please do not hesitate to raise questions with me or any member of the Session, especially those who served on the Task Force. We all appreciate your time and attention.

Blessings, Elliott

Offerings & Attendance



Offerings:

May 6 - \$9,410.45
May 13 - \$6,291.00
May 20 - \$2,260.00

S/S Attendance:

May 6 - 63
May 13 - 56
May 20 - 210

Worship Attendance:

May 6 - 88
May 13 - 101
May 20 - 57

Prayer Concerns & Celebrations

Prayer Concerns:

- Bill & Ginny Faust need our prayers. Bill was taken to the hospital on Friday for dehydration and further testing.
- Margaret White went to the ER on Thursday and again to the hospital on Saturday for fluid around her lungs and further testing. Please keep her in prayer.
- Bobbie Ford fell and broke her arm 2 weeks ago. She still needs prayers for other health issues as well.
- Eula Hawks, Sherry Blevins grandmother is in hospice care. Family needs prayers.
- Joy Tyler is having eye problems. Please keep her in prayer.

Prayer Concerns (cont'd)

- John Cathcart, long-time Coulwood resident passed away recently.
- Cheryl Ellis had hip replacement surgery on April 24th.
- Anne Glasscock passed away recently.

Keep in Your Prayers:

- Hoyt & Jean Johnston
- Mary Frances Lail
- Flora Mae Love
- Dave Reames
- Marlene Thames
- Caregivers

Celebrations:

- Fish Fry was a big success and lots of fun!
- Jean & Skip Todd Celebrated 54 years of marriage on May 2nd.
- Eddie and Jan Chapman have a new grandson!
- David Padgett will retire after 31 years of service in the Reserves.



Service Assignments

May Count Team:

Team Leader: Danny McClure
Team: Eddie Chapman, Beth & Kevin Joy

June Count Team:

Team Leader: Melissa Mullis
Team: Donna Hall, Jon Kenley, Amy McGee & Toni Torrence

May Ushers:

Team Leader: Frances Lyerly
Team: Kay Scarce, Edgar Peeden, Rachel Wingate & Gloria Caldwell

June Ushers:

Team Leaders: Beth Mathews (Fresh Start Class)
Team: TBD

May Greeters:

Narthex: Jon Kenley & Amy McGee
East Wing: Larry Ramsey
West Wing: Melissa Mullis

June Greeters:

Narthex: Eddie Chapman & Tim Sudderth
East Wing: Beth Joy
West Wing: Victoria Krebs

Prayer Team:

5/27 Tim & Celia Gray
 6/3 Debbie Taylor & Karen Cathey

Nursery - Crib Room:

5/27 Joyce Joy
 6/3 Ashley Kenley

Nursery - Toddler Room:

5/27 Peggy Harrington
 6/3 Jon Kenley

Visitation Schedule

Visiting Teams for May/June:

Linda Riggins & Ann Cashion
 Susan Kenley & Toni Torrence
 Joyce & Leslie Joy
 Virginia & Harold Staton
 Barbara Ullem & Teresa Painter
 Emily Adkins & Angie Ross
 Grady & Karen Cathey
 Frances Lyerly & Jane McArver
 Margaret White & Judy Smith

Special Friends to be Visited:

Flora Mae Love
 Anne Smith
 Dave Reames
 Jean Johnston
 Bill Faust
 Mike Johnson
 Rennie Auten & Mary Frances Lail
 Richard Rumble
 Allen Wingate (& Laura)

Cards

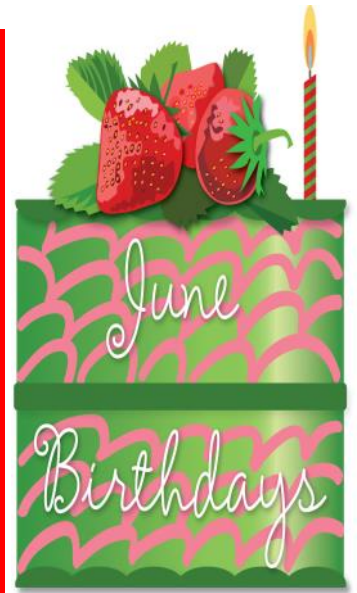
Virginia & Harold Staton
 Barbara Ullem & Teresa Painter

Bryce & Anne Moore, Bob & Marie Love
 Bertha Ellis, Marlene Thames, Ralph & Harriet Underwood, Stella Whitlock



Happy Birthday to Those Celebrating in June!

June 1 Heather Gaskins	June 9 Evan Normand	June 21 Mary Ellen Edwards
June 2 Celia Gray	June 10 Jennifer Johns	June 22 Joy Pinkston Stan Springs
June 3 Jean Johnston Macy Kincaid Bailey Miller Dale Ross Karen Sisk	June 12 Shane Evans	June 23 Anna Jo Patton
June 4 Edgar Peeden	June 15 Craig Scott	June 26 Anne Miller
June 5 Sandra Watson	June 16 Will Cathey Rob Huffstickler	June 27 Dick Chapman David Reames
June 8 Jesse Evans	June 17 Danny McClure, Sr. Sarah Mullis	June 30 Carson Kendrick
	June 18 Larry Ramsey	



If we don't have your birthday listed, please let us know. You may call the office at 704-392-0329 or email your information to office@pawcreekpc.org. Thank you! ~Kim

Highlights from the Operations Manual

1. The size of the Session is now set at 12 members (this was adopted by the Congregation previously, but the Manual was never rewritten to reflect the change); there is also a provision to automatically phase in any changes that take place in the future;
2. The Nominating committee is directed to bring a slate of names the number of which is "at least equal" to the number of empty slots;
3. The Endowment and Cemetery committees are changed from Congregational committees (elected by the Congregation) to Session sub-committees (chair and one member selected by session and chair recruits other members) that will report to Finance and Property committees, respectively; current elected members of these committees will be allowed and encouraged to continue their service in these areas for as long as they are interested; the current committee chairs and members have had a chance to become familiar with these changes;
4. The title of Treasurer is changed to "General Treasurer" and Session will elect an Endowment Treasurer and a Cemetery Treasurer to work in parallel with the General Treasurer and under the direction of the new Endowment and Cemetery sub-committees, respectively;
5. Session has created a MAC Team ("Ministry and Coordination") to integrate all church programs for coordination of calendar, elimination of overlapping responsibilities, and to develop a master plan for the church's mission and outreach; the team will consist of the chairs of the program committees along with representatives of Presbyterian Women and Presbyterian Men, plus a team chair elected by Session; after adopting Part III of the Manual, Session elected elder Amy McGee as the first chair of the MAC Team;
6. Detailed records of committee duties and organization will now be gathered in a folder or file of "Best Practices" that can be updated regularly by the committees without formal amendment of the Manual of Operations and made available to session and committee members and others as they do their work throughout the year.

Bible Study



Schedule for Bible Study (Wed. 10am & Thur. 5:30pm)

May 23/24 Mark 2: 13-22
 May 30/31 1 Samuel 3: 1-20
 No Bible Study for June, July or August



Summer Church Schedule

During the months of July and August, our Sunday School and worship will begin earlier in the day, to allow for more family time later in the day. Here are all the dates and times for summer activities:

- Sunday, June 3 Graduation Sunday - Lemonade on the lawn
- Sunday, June 3 Combined Summer Adult Sunday School begins
- June 24 - 27 Youth Group Mission Week
- Sunday, July 1 Summer Schedule begins
Sunday School at 9:00 am
Worship at 10:00 am
- July 8 - 12 Vacation Bible School (evenings)
- Sunday, August 26 Rally Day and Community
Back-to-school Event
- Sunday, September 2 Labor Day - Sunday School and Worship
resume normal schedules.

**There will be no Adult Bible Study on Wednesday and Thursday for June, July or August.

Applications being taken for scholarships

Each Year the Presbyterian Women of Paw Creek Church offer our young adults (18-23) who are enrolled in or plan to attend a college, university, or technical institution a modest scholarship to help with the cost of their education. Applicants may apply twice for this yearly scholarship. (Scholarships are awarded based on the number of applicants and the funds available each year.)

Application forms for the scholarship are found in the Narthex and the Church office. Beside the application form, you must also provide proof of admission to the college, university or technical institution that you will or are attending when you submit the application.

The deadline to apply for a scholarship is **June 15th**. For questions please contact Celia Gray or Kay Scarce.





Vacation Bible School

Please mark your calendars for **July 8-12th** 6-8:30pm

We'll be sharing the message of Peace while we eat dinner and have a lesson for all ages.

If you would like to volunteer, please see Victoria Krebs, Jan Chapman or Barbara Ullem.



Need a Ride?

People to call if you need a ride:

- Ann Cashion (704)966-1004
- Donna Hall (704)399-6483
- Anne Miller (704)392-2989
- Dina Salvo (704) 531-7350

If you are willing to be on this list, please call Ann Cashion or email: acatlake@gmail.com



Prayer Garden

Get your Prayer Garden Paver Orders in now for your Mother's & Father's Day gifts !

Also great for Graduations, Weddings, Babies, & Anniversaries. Wonderful way to celebrate a loved one & family with a beautiful memory that will last forever.

Order forms in the narthex, church office and website.



Paw Creek Online Giving

Remember, Paw Creek has Online Giving available.

If you would like to give online, please register for an account, follow the directions, and then login to your account.

<https://secure.sharefaithgiving.com/go/form.php?rid=b9f972f69ffc&>

There's even an app you can install on your smart phone. Go to Google Play or iTunes and search for Paw Creek Presbyterian Church.



If you have a QR reader app on your phone, scan this and go right to the donation page.

Or you can even TEXT a donation.

To send gifts via text, send a text message with a dollar amount and which fund you wish the money to be designated (e.g., "\$10 BUILDING") to (704) 413-0329. If you have an envelope #, please include that in your text as well.

EXAMPLE:

\$50 CHOIR Envelope 333

If it is your first time giving this way, you will have to fill out a short form one time to complete with your billing information. After the initial setup, however, giving is as easy as sending a text.

FUND DESIGNATIONS for TEXTS:

- GENERAL = General Fund
- BACKPACK = Backpack Buddies Fund
- BUILDING = Building Fund
- ERF = Emergency Relief Fund
- CEMETERY = Cemetery Fund
- CHOIR = Choir Fund
- LOVE = Love Offering
- MEMORIALS = Memorials Fund
- RITI = Room in the Inn Fund
- SOCIAL = Social Service Fund
- SOUND = Sound Room Fund
- TENCENT = Ten Cent Hunger Offering
- WOMEN = Paw Creek Women Fund
- YOUTH = Youth and Children Fund
- PAVER = Brick Paver Fundraiser



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Seek Matthew 6:33
Serve 1 Samuel 12:24
Praise Psalm 111:1
Love Christ! 1 John 4:12

Lord, we thank you for...

Have a Prayer Request? To put someone on our prayer chain, obtain permission from the person or family involved, then call:

Judy Smith (704) 392-2892

-or-

Kay Scarce (704) 825-4446

Know someone Who Needs a Visit?

Please contact the Church Office or Rev.

Hipp (704) 392-0329



SUNDAY, MAY 27

"FERMENTATION"
MARK 2: 13-22

SUNDAY, JUNE 3

GRADUATION SUNDAY
"EARS TO LISTEN"
1 SAMUEL 3: 1-20

SUNDAY, JUNE 10

"PRIORITIES STRAIGHT"
MARK 2: 23 - 3:6

SUNDAY, JUNE 17

"CLEAR AS MUD"
MARK 4: 26-34

SUNDAY, JUNE 24

"THE POWER TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE"
MARK 6: 1-3

SUNDAY, JULY 1

"TWELVE LONG YEARS"
MARK 5: 21-43

Church Calendar

Each Week...

Sunday

9:45am Sunday School
11:00am Worship Service
5:30pm Youth (Every other Week)

Monday - Thursday

9:00am - 3:00pm Church Office Hours

Monday—Friday

11:30am Senior Lunch Program

Monday

5:30pm Monday Study Group
7:00pm Girl Scouts

Tuesday

6:30am Men's Bible Study
9:00am Cardio Fitness
5:30pm Book Club @ Heirloom
7:00pm Boy Scouts

Wednesday

10:00am Adult Bible Study
12:00pm Bulletin Deadline
6:00pm Children Connecting w/Christ (CCC)
7:00pm Cub Scouts

Thursday

9:00am Cardio Fitness
5:30pm Adult Bible Study
6:30pm Chancel Choir Practice

Future Happenings...

Wednesday, May 23

10:00am Adult Bible Study
12:00pm Bulletin Deadline
6:00pm CCC

*Newsletter

Thursday, May 24

5:30pm Adult Bible Study

Monday, May 28

*Church Office Closed - Happy Memorial Day!

*No Monday Study Group

Tuesday, May 29

5:30pm Book Club @ Heirloom
7:00pm Stitches for Missions

Wednesday, May 30

10:00am Adult Bible Study
12:00pm Bulletin Deadline
6:00pm CCC

Thursday, May 31

5:30pm Adult Bible Study

Sunday, June 3

11:00am Lord's Supper / 10¢ Hunger /
Graduation Sunday
12:00pm Lemonade & Cookies on the Lawn

Monday, June 4

12:00pm Newsletter Deadline
5:30pm Monday Study Group

Tuesday, June 5

5:30pm Book Club @ Heirloom

Wednesday, June 6

12:00pm Bulletin Deadline (6/10 & 6/17)*
6:00pm CCC

Sunday, June 10

12:00pm Congregational Meeting
12:45 Long Session Mtg.

June 10 - 17

Kim - Vacation

Monday, June 11

5:30pm Monday Study Group

Tuesday, June 12

5:30pm Book Club @ Heirloom

Wednesday, June 13

12:00pm Bulletin Deadline
6:00pm CCC

Saturday, June 16

8:00am Men's Breakfast @Circle G

Sunday, June 17

Father's Day